

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Zellweger (U.S. Pat. No. 6,301,583). For at least the reasons identified below, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims as amended are now allowable over the cited art.

As to claim 7, it is alleged, amongst other things, that Zellweger discloses a user interface system for accessing web pages on a network that includes a detection means for accepting signals from a user interface device to detect one or more categories and a display means for presenting a list of the selected web pages on a display device. As amended, claim 7 now includes a detection means that detects one or more categories that are concurrently specified by a user. In contrast, as stated by Examiner, under the Zellweger system, the user navigates through succession of pop-up list menus to reach information on a web page. The present invention as recited in claim 7 clearly does not require a user to navigate through succession of pop-up list menus to retrieve the desired information. Furthermore, the Zellweger system does not include a display means for presenting a list of selected web pages on the display device. A further review of the cited excerpt in Zellweger (col. 8, lines 7-13) shows that the Zellweger system does not display a list of selected web pages; rather, the user has to navigate through each web page in a sequential manner. For at least the reasons identified above, Zellweger does not disclose or suggest the foregoing features as recited in amended claim 7. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 7 is allowable over the cited art.

As to claim 8, the same rationale and arguments identified in connection with claim 7 above apply with equal force. Similarly, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 7 is also allowable over the cited art.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-4, 6, 9-10, 12-13, 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zellweger (U.S. Pat. No. 6,301,583) in view of Zellweger (U.S. Pat. No.

6,379,222). For at least the reasons identified below, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims as amended are now allowable over the cited art.

As to claim 1, it is alleged that Zellweger '583 discloses a method for accessing web pages including, amongst other things, transferring a portion of a web page from the server computer to the display device over the network, wherein the portion of the web page includes a selector allowing the user to select two or more of the following categories. To the contrary, Zellweger '583 does not disclose or teach the foregoing feature. As shown in Fig. 5, while the pop up list menu contains several categories, the Zellweger system does not allow a user to select more than one category; hence, nor does the Zellweger system allow the user to make concurrent selections.

Also, it is alleged that the method disclosed in Zellweger '583 includes detecting a user's choice by receiving information generated in response to signals from the user input device to indicate the two or more categories chosen by the user. As discussed above and further refuted by the cited excerpt, the method disclosed in Zellweger '583 does not show allowing a user to select more than one category, nor does it show allowing the user to make concurrent selections. To the contrary, the user has to navigate through succession of pop up list menus to reach information on a web page.

Hence, Zellweger '583 does not disclose or teach the foregoing features as recited in amended claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 1 as amended is deficient and requests that such rejection be withdrawn.

Furthermore, it is alleged that it would have been obvious to use the teachings disclosed in Zellweger '222 to modify Zellweger '583 to arrive at the categories including geographic location, corporate department, employee classification and time period. A closer review of Zellweger '222 shows the contrary. As stated in the cited excerpt, the topics are organized in an open hierarchical data structure. The fact that these topics are organized in a hierarchical structure precludes their concurrent selections as recited in claim 1 as amended. In other words, the ability to provide concurrent selections and the ability to provide a hierarchical structure are mutually exclusive. Therefore, it would not have been obvious to modify Zellweger '583 using Zellweger '222 to arrive at the features as recited in amended claim 1. Hence, for this

additional reason, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 is further allowable over the cited art.

With respect to claims 2-4 and 6, these claims are dependent either directly or indirectly from the allowable claim 1 as discussed above and thus derive their patentability therefrom. As a result, these claims are also allowable over the cited art. Despite the derived patentability from claim 1, some of these claims by themselves are also patentable over the cited art. For example, with respect to claim 3, as discussed above, Zellweger '583 does not disclose displaying a list of identified web pages; instead, Zellweger '583 only shows displaying one web page at a time. Hence, claim 3 is further allowable over the cited art.

Also, with respect to claim 6, it is alleged that Zellweger '222 discloses defining a theme. To the contrary, as shown in the cited excerpt, different types of department indicate sub-categories rather than a theme. Claim 6 as amended further clarifies that a theme is based on contents of the documents. The foregoing feature is not disclosed or suggested in Zellweger '222. Hence, claim 6 as amended is further allowable over the cited art.

With respect to claim 9, this claim is dependent from the allowable claim 8 as discussed above and hence derives patentability therefrom. Furthermore, the same rationale and arguments discussed in connection with claim 1 also apply with equal force. Hence, for this additional reason, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 9 by itself is further allowable over the cited art.

As to claim 10, it is alleged that Zellweger '583 discloses defining a first category having category types. The cited excerpt does not support this position. As stated in the cited excerpt, the user navigates through succession of pop up list menus to reach information on a web page. The topics as shown in the pop up list menus are not defined by this successive navigation. Zellweger '583 does not show or suggest the ability to define any topics. Hence, Zellweger '583 does not disclose or teach the foregoing feature. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 10 is deficient and requests that such rejection be withdrawn.

With respect to claims 12-16, these claims are dependent either directly or indirectly from claim 10 and thus derive their patentability therefrom. Hence, these claims are also allowable over the cited art.

Claims 5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Zellweger '583 in view of Zellweger '222 as applied to claim 4 and further in view of Mills (U.S. Pat. No. 6,466,940). For at least the reasons identified below, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable over the cited art.

First, claims 5 and 11 are dependent from claim 1 and 10 respectively and thus derive their patentability therefrom. Notwithstanding the foregoing, claim 5 by itself is further allowable over the cited art.

With respect to claim 5, it is alleged that Zellweger '222 discloses associating a user with a category. The cited excerpt does not support this position. For example, the cited excerpt merely shows that an end-user is able to bind a URL to a data structure and that the end-user is able to fill in an identifier with a topic string. There is clearly no teaching or suggestion that a user is to be associated with a category. In addition, it is also alleged that it would have been obvious to use Mills to modify the combined method of Zellweger '583 and Zellweger '222 to arrive at the feature of using the user's associated category as a default category associated with the created document. As discussed above, there is no teaching or suggestion to combine Zellweger '583 and Zellweger '222. Furthermore, Mills merely discloses using various types of information associated with databases when searching databases. There is clearly no teaching or suggestion that the user's associated category is to be used as a default category associated with the created document. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5 is further allowable over the cited art.

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zellweger '583 in view of Zellweger '222 as applied to claim 10 and further in view of Merriman (U.S. Pat. No. 5,948,061). For at least the reasons identified below, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 14 is allowable over the cited art.

With respect to claim 14, it is alleged that it would have been obvious to use Merriman's teachings to modify the combined method of Zellweger '583 and Zellweger '222.

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The cited excerpt does not support this position. Merriman merely discloses a system where a user clicks on an advertisement within a predetermined time period. There is no teaching or suggestion that a time period is to be used as a category for cataloging and searching web pages. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 14 is allowable over the cited art.

New Claims

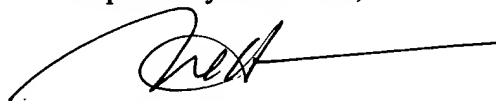
Claims 17-26 have been added for consideration. It is believed that these claims do not introduce any new matter and are fully supported by the specification. It is further believed that these claims are patentable over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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